

transmitting a request according to a protocol other than an e-mail protocol, via the network, to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice; and

transmitting at least a portion of the billing information, via the network, responsive to receipt of the request.

35. The method of claim 34, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

36. The method of claim 34, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation prior to transmitting the notice; and

storing the formatted billing information;

wherein the transmitted billing information is the stored formatted billing information.

37. The method of claim 34, wherein the notice includes information indicating a location of the available billing information on the network.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the information indicating a location of the available billing information is a hyper-link, further comprising:

selecting the hyper-link to transmit the request.

39. A method for presenting billing information, comprising:

transmitting, via a network, an e-mail notice indicating availability of billing information;

transmitting, via the network, an e-mail request to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice; and

transmitting, via the network, at least a portion of the billing information responsive to receipt of the request.

41. The method of claim 40, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

42. The method of claim 40, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation prior to transmitting the notice; and

storing the formatted billing information;

wherein the transmitted billing information is the stored formatted billing information.

43. A method for presenting billing information, comprising:

transmitting, via a network, a notice indicating availability of billing information, the notice transmitted according to a network protocol other than e-mail;

transmitting, via the network, a request to receive the billing information responsive to receipt of the notice, the request also transmitted according to a network protocol other than e-mail; and

transmitting, via the network, at least a portion of the billing information responsive to receipt of the request.

44. The method of claim 43, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation responsive to receipt of the request.

45. The method of claim 43, further comprising:

formatting the billing information for presentation prior to transmitting the notice; and

storing the formatted billing information;

wherein the transmitted billing information is the stored formatted billing information.

46. The method of claim 43, wherein the notice includes information indicating a location of the available billing information on the network.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein the information indicating a location of the available billing information is a hyper-link, further comprising:

selecting the hyper-link to transmit the request. >

50. A bill presentment network, comprising:

a first network server configured to transmit, via an e-mail protocol, a notice to a payer indicating availability of billing information; and

a second network server configured to receive from the payer, via a protocol other than an e-mail protocol, a request to receive the billing information, the request transmitted responsive to receipt of the notice;

wherein at least a portion of the billing information is transmitted to the payer responsive to receipt of the request.

51. An system for bill presentment, comprising:

a memory configured to store billing information; and

a processor configured to transmit a notice to a payer via e-mail indicating availability of billing information and to receive a request from the payer via e-mail for the available billing information;

wherein the request is transmitted responsive to receipt of the notice; and

wherein at least a portion of the billing information is transmitted to the payer responsive to receipt of the request.

52. A system for bill presentment, comprising:  
a memory configured to store billing information; and  
at least one processor configured to transmit, via a  
network protocol other than an e-mail protocol, a notice to a  
payer indicating availability of a bill, and to receive a  
request, also via a network protocol other than an e-mail  
protocol, from the payer to receive the bill;  
wherein the request is transmitted responsive to receipt  
of the notice; and  
wherein at least a portion of the billing information is  
transmitted to the payer responsive to receipt of the request.

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